

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2022



Attendees: (*unable to attend)

Louise Borzynski, Mark Fischer, Mark Herr, John Hillmer, Melissa Jarecki, *Jon Jeffords, Rita Keber,
*Colton Kelly (DNR), John Kolbe, Anne Korman (DNR), Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Karl Timm,
*Rick Von Haden, Dan Wiley, Guest: Paul Keber

Meeting was held at the Keber's home: Meeting was called to order at 7:43pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the Oct & Nov meetings were approved and will be posted on the [website](#)

Next Meeting: Due to conflicts with the Ski League & Series, the January Board meeting will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursday January 12th, in person.

Welcome New Board Members: Mark Fischer, Mark Herr, and John Kolbe were welcomed.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the Oct¹ & Nov² reports were distributed via email and are attached. Karl's note for Oct explained: we started a new fiscal year on 10/1 so the INC&EXP tab has only values from this month.

- Transferred the proceeds from the Feel the Burn run to the Habitat fund.
- Transferred the proceeds from the Summer Solstice event to the Lapham Lodge fund.
- The Colorama 2022 values should be complete, but Fright Hike is still a work in progress.
- On the ASSET&OBLIG tab, I depreciated the Pisten Bully by \$32,736 which is the amount our accountant recorded on the 990 federal tax form.
- \$200,000 was moved from the Lapham Lodge fund from Waukesha State Bank to a money market account at Summit Credit Union and since 10/13 has made \$206 in interest.
- In a similar move, about \$50,000 of the Nature Center assets were also moved to a Summit money market fund and has already earned about \$81.
- Note: the money market interest has not been reflected on the current treasurer report yet.
- Karl also explained certain negotiations that are in progress regarding accounting fees, and a discussion of the EDA grant's option to cover some of those fees, though John M explained how it would be preferable to have the EDA money cover other expenses first.
- A few corrections were noted and will be adjusted next month.

And, a request for key documents to be added to our website was made, John H will work on this.

Cash Discussions:

Karl sent us questions and thoughts ahead of the meeting, which we discussed regarding our cash on hand, and how to put that to use in the short term (basically, invest all the cash we don't immediately need, using safe short term [i.e., 6-month CDs]). His original email is attached as a PDF³. After discussion, motions were made and passed unanimously:

- John M moved that we move as much as possible from our WSB Checking & Savings accounts into CDs with Waukesha State Bank Investments Co., John H seconded the motion, the motion passed.
- John M moved that all interest earned from the actions of the prior motion, and from the \$200K at Summit CU, be moved to the Lapham Lodge fund, seconded by Rita, the motion passed.
- Karl will close out the WSB Savings account (with about \$31K in it) as this will go into the CDs.

Nature Center: Anne K indicated that after many of the Nature Center animals (especially the birds) became infested with moths a few years back, she has been looking to get us replacements. She has a number of replacements on their way that will require some funds to complete them. A recent 10-point buck was found in the park, and she will work with the park staff on its cost, disposition, and options to fund that, as it was not in the original scope of the issue.

Lodge: John M shared updates:

- The committee is moving forward with design; some changes have been recently incorporated, including ceiling fans and differently lights. Design to be 95% complete by end of January.
- Donor Brick Campaign has kicked off; brochures, website, mailings, and options to connect directly with [That's My Brick](#) to purchase our bricks from them are all in place.
- The next \$20K from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant has been applied for. It was clarified that these are \$20K grants from the fund (for up to 3 requests, if all approved), that we then match with another \$20K each. So, these yield \$60K from the fund and together with matched FLP money will yield a total of \$120K.
- Rita and Paul provided a summary of current donations and commitments via email, as of 12/4/2022:
Total Cash: \$591,725.37
- \$377.78 PayPal expenses
Net Cash: \$591,347.59 (doesn't include other expenses) that is an increase of \$22,312.61 since 10/31/22

Future pledges: \$130,454.50 (including \$100,000 from Friends of Lapham Peak and \$1,300 from Donor Paver Credit Orders minus \$45.50 credit charge fees)

Grants: \$1,319,900; Grant receipts: \$10,000

Total pledges, grants, and net cash: \$2,041,702.09 (85.1% of \$2.4 million goal) that is an increase of \$17,067.11 since 10/31/22

- John K indicated that the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) has received material from the committee. IATA will help market the need for donations to the Lodge for us to their 1,200+ members in the Milwaukee / Waukesha Chapter, and also to those IAT members in surrounding counties. The Director of Marketing at the IATA is working on this now.

Snowmaking: Snow has been made! Tree Trimming work has been done to increase safety where large blocks of ice would otherwise collect in the trees above the trails as snow is being made. Transition work from Rich to Mike Koester is underway. John M said he'll be skiing on the first groomed snow tomorrow morning!

Loppet & Ski Series/Leagues: We have entries already for the Events! And, volunteers are already being lined up as well. All registration materials have been sent and are on the [website](#).

Habitat: John H reported, in November:

- Unit 49 was planted with "28" 5-gallon buckets of wildflower feeds mixed with sawdust; these were seeds that were harvested here at the park over the past few years by buckthorn busters and with the help of high school and corporate volunteers, which we estimated at a value of \$5,000-\$10,000 of flower seeds.
- Then, unit was 49 was mechanically planted with wild prairie grass seed that we purchased, with the help of Good Oak (these seeds were mixed with oats to help them become established.
- We've completed the Schoeninger farmhouse hill site, and are now



working around the pond that's between the hill, the barns, and Hwy C. We plan to clear all the way back to the Paul Sandgren trail.

- The Log Cabin where we are staging firewood is 80% full now, ready to be loaded into our wood racks for purchase (donations). One rack is done, ready for placement at Evergreen (future racks will be placed at the campsite and Trecker). Signs for these racks are in the approval process now.
- We are getting 8, 10, even 12 volunteers each day now that it's turned cold!




NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter: Rita asked for input and articles to help with the next newsletter. A number of topics were discussed, including Loppet (the event and need for volunteers), Candlelight Hike on Jan 28th and the need for volunteers at certain times, Tue & Wed ski leagues, a Lodger Update, etc.

Adjourned at 9:40 pm: Next meeting – January Board meeting will be at 4pm at Hausmann on Thursday January 12th, in person.

Respectfully Submitted, J. Hillmer

Attachments:

1.  2022 Oct Treas. Rpt.xls
2.  2022 Nov Treas. Rpt.xls
3.  Cash on Hand.pdf